



Show-Me Service Conference Fact Sheet

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St. Louis Airport Marriott

What is it?

The Show-Me Service Conference is a state-wide cross stream training event for those involved in **National Service Programs** including **K-16 Service-Learning**, AmeriCorps, AmeriCorps VISTA, and Senior Corps. It is also a conference open to the general public wanting to learn more about **service, education, and volunteerism**.

What will I learn?

How to implement Service-Learning * New ideas for Service-Learning projects * How to integrate Service-Learning with other school systems like character education, career and technical organizations, gifted and at-risk programs, community education programs, and after school programs * The benefits of Service-Learning to your school and community * Tutoring and Literacy Training * Citizenship * Mentoring * Youth Empowerment * Leadership and Team Building * Conflict Management * Grant Writing * Diversity and Disability Training * Time Management * AND MUCH, MUCH, MORE.

Who Should Attend?

Teachers * K-12 and College-age Students * Administrators * University and College Faculty * Higher Education Professionals * Community Based Leaders * Community Education Specialists * Participants of National Service Programs.

This conference is used as a **mandatory training** for all sites receiving K-12 Service-Learning grants from the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education for the 02-03 academic year. **Grant sites should bring a team including:** Service-Learning Coordinator * Teachers implementing Service-Learning * 2-3 students that will be involved in Service-Learning Projects and Youth Leadership * Administrators * Especially anyone in your school new to Service-Learning.

Why Attend?

In his state of the Union address, President Bush asked all Americans to give at least two years, or 4,000 hours of service to our communities. A strong emphasis on citizenship and service in schools will be part of the president's agenda for the next academic year. Through service-learning, students are meeting the president's challenge to the nation.

School-based service-learning combines meaningful service to the community with classroom studies in a way that improves student learning and strengthens the community. Students work in collaboration with community members, teachers, and classmates to meet real community needs, while applying core concepts from the regular classroom curriculum. Students develop responsibility and citizenship while increasing academic achievement.

*"Americans have always believed in an ethic of service.
Americans serve others because their conscience demands it,
because their faith teaches it, because they are grateful to their country, and
because service brings rewards much deeper than material success.
Government does not create this idealism,
but we can do a better job of supporting and encouraging an ethic of service in America."
President Bush*